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Legislator Romaine Encourages Residents to Celebrate

“Grown on Long Island Day!”

First Countywide Farmers Market to be Held at the Suffolk County Farm in Yaphank

Please join County Legislator Ed Romaine and the Long Island Farm Bureau in celebrating *Grown on Long Island Day*, a countywide farmers market at the Suffolk County Farm in Yaphank on Friday, August 5 from noon to 5 p.m. Admission to the event is FREE.

The event is free and will include food and wine tastings, roasted corn, produce from farmers throughout Suffolk, and a food drive for Island Harvest, a food rescue organization. Explore the century-old Suffolk Farm and Education Center—visit the animals and learn about historical and modern agriculture!

This is the first countywide farmers market in Suffolk County--the leading agricultural county in New York State in terms of the value of crops grown.

“Farming is essential to the rural character of the East End,” commented Legislator Romaine, adding “the vulnerability and preservation of farmland remains to be one of my top concerns as a county legislator, and it’s imperative that we support and preserve this vital industry.”

The first 500 visitors to donate \$10 worth of produce from the Farmers Market to Island Harvest will receive a free Grown on Long Island T-shirt. Bring the whole family for a day of fun! (Please note that dogs are not allowed due to the many farm animals).

The event is sponsored by The Long Island Farm Bureau, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County, Suffolk County, Farm Family, J. Kings, Harbor View Foods, Long Island Radio Group, Long Island Wine Country, Peconic Land Trust, and Farm Credit East. The Suffolk County Farm is located at 350 Yaphank Avenue (take LIE to exit 67 or Sunrise Highway to exit 57N, then follow signs to the Farm).